

center will serve to provide solutions to plant conservation challenges through research and education.

To accomplish their goals, 200 plant scientists along with students and collaborators will aid the full time scientists and research assistants in the 38,000-square foot building. The space will also house a teaching facility and the country's first doctoral plant biology program.

Additionally the Center utilizes green building practices, including an innovative rainwater garden to collect and filter storm water runoff and a 16,000-square foot green roof. The visitor's gallery will also allow the public to witness the scientific work occurring and various exhibitions.

The Chicago Botanic Garden successfully opened the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center on September 29, 2009. I commend all the students, researchers and scientists who are committing their time and energy to this important project and wish them the best of luck.

TRIBUTE TO PEARL BEATTY ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 74TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to acknowledge the 74th birthday of my good friend, Ms. Pearl Beatty. Her family, friends and associates have gathered on October 8, 2009, to hold a party in her honor and to wish this incredibly talented woman best wishes. Pearl Beatty has always been passionate about her community and those closest to her want to be sure that she knows how much she is loved and appreciated.

Pearl Beatty never allowed her early fragile health to preclude her from involvement in the things that mattered most to her. Throughout her life, Pearl Beatty has been an active participant in the political process and community organizing. She was also gifted with a beautiful voice which she utilized at Arts High School and with the Sweethearts, a group that was fortunate enough to sing at a John F. Kennedy for President rally. In fact, Pearl Beatty was active in the New Jersey campaign for the election of President Kennedy. Always an advocate for fairness, Pearl Beatty joined me and my brother, Bill, in the picketing of a local Woolworth 5&10 forcing them to hire young African Americans to work at the lunch counter.

In addition to being active in the Urban League and the NAACP, Pearl Beatty assisted in organizing the New Jersey contingent for the 1963 March on Washington. She was also instrumental in the four successful campaigns of Newark mayor Kenneth Gibson, the first African American to be elected mayor of a major eastern city. She represented Governor Hughes at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago and was the New Jersey campaign scheduler for President Jimmy Carter in 1976. In June 1978, Pearl Beatty was elected as a freeholder for Essex County and soon found herself as the first director of the newly elect-

ed Board of Chosen Freeholders under the new form of charter change government of Essex County. Ms. Beatty was the first African American appointed as president of the New Jersey Council of Counties and in 1987, she was appointed executive chairperson of the New Jersey State Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commission.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Pearl Beatty deserves to be feted at this 74th Birthday celebration. I am pleased to congratulate her and thank her for the many lasting contributions she has made to the Greater Newark community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH "JACKIE" NOYES

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Elizabeth "Jackie" Noyes on her retirement from more than 36 years of service as the Associate Executive Director with American Academy of Pediatrics. Throughout her career, Ms. Noyes has played a significant role in shaping health policy in the United States—especially as it affects children.

I've worked closely with the American Academy of Pediatrics to ensure that each and every child in America has quality, affordable coverage. They are a rare provider organization in Washington, DC. Their mission is much more about advancing better health care for their patients than it is about advancing pay increases for their member physicians. Jackie has been a key player in that mission for nearly four decades.

Ms. Noyes has a long, varied list of accomplishments, honors, and boards that she's participated in throughout her time with the American Academy of Pediatrics. Highlights include serving as Chair of the National Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines; on the board of the Children's Dental Project, Inc., Children's Hospice International, and the Coalition for Health Funding; and as a member of the Specialty Society Advisory Committee for the American Medical Association. She's also been published by well-respected organizations, including *Advances in Pediatrics*, *California Pediatrician*, and the *American Journal of Psychology*.

Throughout Ms. Noyes' career, she has been recognized for her dedication to children's health with several awards, including a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions to the Health and Welfare of America's Children and Adolescents by the U.S. Surgeon General.

She has played a key role in creating and improving health care laws including vital programs like Vaccines for Children, Head Start, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. She also played key roles in the passage and renewal of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990, the Children and Pregnant Women Health Insurance Act of 1993, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Children's Health Insurance Accountability Act of 1996, and the Paul Wellstone and Pete

Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equality Act of 2008.

In honor of her retirement, the Friends of Children Advocacy Fund has been created to support the initiatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics and its advocacy for child health programs and public health. The Friends of Children Advocacy Fund will continue her work to improve the health of children.

She has been a valuable asset to the American Academy of Pediatrics and their mission to improve the health of America's children. I thank her for her dedication, wish her well in retirement, and fully expect to continue to hear her name in connection with initiatives to improve children's health.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES PATRICK'S HEROISM

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic deeds of one of my constituents, Mr. James Patrick of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Earlier this year, while Mr. Patrick, a letter carrier for the US Postal Service, was on his route, he saw flames and thick black smoke erupting out of the top of a church. He immediately found someone to call 911 before he selflessly entered the burning church to make sure that everyone was safe.

Even though the roof of the church and the adjacent rectory were rapidly becoming engulfed in flames, Pastor Robert Hall and the church's secretary were unaware of the fire. Patrick informed the two of the fire, but Pastor Hall wanted to put the fire out himself. However, Patrick insisted that everyone leave. He is quoted as saying, "Father, you have to get out—the whole roof is on fire."

Because of his courageous deeds, two people's lives were saved. Subsequently, Pastor Hall, in a letter to the Postal Service wrote, "In this day and age when people don't want to get involved, I want to say thank you to your employee for going the extra mile."

Patrick is a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Johnstown Branch 451. For his actions, he was recently recognized by the Association and was awarded the Eastern Region Hero Award.

Madam Speaker, I wish to close my remarks by commending Mr. James Patrick for his heroic actions. We are fortunate that we have people like Mr. Patrick who choose to go above and beyond what is expected so that lives may be saved.

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH E. BARRON RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize CMSgt Joseph E. Barron on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.

Chief Master Sergeant Barron hails from Morristown, NJ, where he graduated from Parsippany Hills High School and entered the Air Force in 1979. He assumed his duties as Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air Mobility Command, in April 2006. His work as an administrative specialist involved him with tours with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and Air Force Recruiting Service. Additionally, Chief Master Sergeant Barron served in multiple units as a first sergeant both in the United States and overseas, where during Operations Desert Fox and Allied Force he was instrumental in the initial bed down, troop support, and morale for the largest combat air refueling wing in Air Force history. His work with Air Mobility Command's critical aero medical evacuation mission helped to facilitate the rapid movement of over 23,000 injured warriors to United States medical facilities with a remarkable 98 percent combat-casualty survivability rate.

Beginning in September 2007, Chief Master Sergeant Barron helped lead Air Mobility Command's Total Force Team with tremendous impact. Here, his extraordinary leadership inspired Air Mobility Command's 132,000 Total Force Airmen to successfully accomplish more than thousands of sorties transporting over 4 million passengers, nearly 2 million tons of cargo, and offloading over 3 billion pounds of fuel. Air Mobility Command forces also completed over 43,000 theater-direct delivery sorties, delivering thousands of combat troops, tons of cargo and mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles in support of two overseas contingency operations.

Through the work of Chief Master Sergeant Barron the Mobility Air Force was ready to respond when Hurricanes Gustav and Ike ravaged the gulf coast, generating 564 sorties transporting 8,863 passengers and delivering 1,223 tons of humanitarian supplies. However, Chief Master Sergeant Barron is most proud of his involvement after Hurricane Katrina, where he provided crucial support to the devastated region.

Madam Speaker, CMSgt Joseph E. Barron's selfless dedication to the service of his country is honorable and worthy of recognition. I believe I can speak for the airmen of Air Mobility Command in saying that his dedication has positively impacted those with whom he has served during his years with the Air Force and I join with them in congratulating him on his retirement and a job well done.

HONORING UNITED STATES
PHARMACOPEIAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 13, 2009

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, in recognition of World Standards Week, which was observed last week, I rise to salute the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP), which is based in my district in Rockville, Maryland and has sites in China, India, Brazil, and Switzerland.

Since 1820, USP, a non-profit organization, has worked to improve the health of people around the world through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality,

safety and benefits of medicines and foods. It has worked closely with the FDA to develop and revise drug quality standards. It also sets food ingredient standards and offers voluntary verification programs for pharmaceutical ingredients, dietary supplements, and ingredients used in dietary supplements.

USP's drug standards are legally enforceable by the Food and Drug Administration in the United States, and its standards for drugs, food ingredients and dietary supplements are used and relied upon in more than 130 countries. As part of its mission, USP works with a broad range of standards-setting bodies toward the common goals of inter-organizational cooperation and the widespread dissemination of standards. These bodies include the American National Standards Institute, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the International Standards Organization, the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines, the Chinese National Institute for the Control of Pharmaceutical and Biological Products, the Japanese Pharmacopeia, the British National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, and many others throughout the world.

Patients, consumers, manufacturers, and taxpayers are the ultimate beneficiaries of USP's efforts, and are able to possess greater confidence about the identity and quality of these products in the marketplace. Assisted by more than 1,000 volunteers worldwide, USP engages in public processes to ensure unbiased, independent, authoritative, science-based decision-making.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention for its efforts to enhance food and drug safety standards around the world.

HONORING DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION
AWARDED TO CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA BY
KANGWON NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
IN SOUTH KOREA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, this August, I had the honor of traveling to Kangwon National University in South Korea, where I was awarded an honorary doctorate in Education. As a former high school teacher, principal, and school board member, education has always been my top priority. I believe education is a powerful investment in our future, and I have continued my pursuit of both learning and teaching during my tenure in Congress. I was humbled to receive the high honor of an honorary doctorate from Kangwon National University, an institution I have come to deeply respect.

During my visit to Korea, I met with Prime Minister Seung-Soo Han, whose passion for moving President Myung-Bak Lee's "Low Carbon, Green Growth" initiative forward is something that I admire. As a representative from Silicon Valley, which is at the forefront in our country's efforts in renewable energy, I know the importance of Korea's investments in green technologies.

Many individuals helped make my visit to Korea successful and memorable, and I would

like to thank the following people who helped to make my degree and visit possible: Prime Minister Seung-Soo Han; Foreign Minister Myung-Hwan Yu; Kangwon Province Governor Jin-Sun Kim; Kangwon National University President Yong-Jung Kwon; National Assemblywoman Nak-Kyun Shin; National Assemblywoman Mi-Kyung Lee; U.S. Ambassador to Korea Kathleen Stephens; former Korean Ambassador to the U.S. Tae-Sik Lee; American Chamber of Commerce in Korea Chairman David Ruch; House of Sharing, Comfort Women Survivors and Grandma Koon-Ja Kim; Sokcho City Mayor Yong-Sang Chae; and Korean American Voters' Council of New York and New Jersey Leader Dong-Suk Kim.

During my visit, I delivered the following remarks upon accepting my honorary doctorate at Kangwon National University.

It is a pleasure to be here with you here in Korea at Kangwon National University. Thank you for the warm welcome and the kind introduction, and for this wonderful honor.

I'd like to thank the President, distinguished members of the faculty, and students of Kangwon University. I would also like to express my appreciation to Governor Jin-Sun Kim of Kangwon province, and Mr. Dong-Suk Kim of the Korean American Voters' Council.

This is my fourth time in this great country, and each time I leave with stronger friendships and a deeper understanding and connection to Korea. My visits to Korea and the warmth of the Korean people have made a long lasting impression me.

This trip is especially meaningful to me, and I am extremely honored to receive an honorary doctorate in education here at Kangwon National University. As a former teacher, principal, and school board member, education has played an integral role throughout my life, so receiving this degree is very personal.

Education is my passion, and I believe it is the most powerful tool and investment we can provide children with. Quality education assures the economic competitiveness of any nation, advances the arts and sciences, and provides the means for people to achieve individual success. I have worked hard towards providing every child with a high quality education, both as a former educator and as a Member of Congress.

Education also means being able to teach others in order to learn from past mistakes, and flourish as a society. If society cannot look back and learn from previous mistakes, trust and progress between nations is stunted.

To this end, I have spent a portion of my career in Congress educating and working on a historical issue that has grown very close to my heart: that of the 200,000 sex slaves known as comfort women. These comfort women, many of whom were Korean, were forced into dehumanizing sexual slavery, forced to serve up to 30 soldiers a day in some cases. They suffered serious physical, emotional, and psychological damages as a result.

Yesterday, I had the chance to visit with some of the comfort women survivors. I have met these women on several occasions, both in the United States and in Korea at the House of Sharing, and each time I meet them, I am renewed by how strong they are. I cannot emphasize enough how much I admire their perseverance.

The hope of the comfort women is an extremely modest one: That the government of